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FROM US DEL LOS

E.O. 11652: X GDS -3
TAGS: PLOS
SUBJECT: LOS DISCUSSIONS WITH EGYPT ON NEUTRALIZING STRAIT
OF TIRAN ISSUE IN LOS CONFERENCE

1. JOHN NORTON MOORE AND ADMIRAL MAX MORRIS MET WITH
EGYPTIAN LOS TEAM OF NABIL EL ARABY AND M. CHEHAB
TO DISCUSS LOS ISSUES OF MUTUAL CONCERN, PARTICULARLY
POSSIBLE WAYS OF NEUTRALIZING STRAIT OF TIRAN ISSUE
IN LOS CONFERENCE.

2. MOORE PASSED TO EGYPTIAN TEAM U.S. SUGGESTION
PASSED LAST SUMMER TO EGYPTIAN REP. HAMID CONCERNING
NEUTRALIZATION OF ISSUE AS ILLUSTRATIVE OF ONE OF
SEVERAL POSSIBLE APPROACHES. EGYPTIAN REPS. INDICATED
THEY WOULD STUDY THE APPROACH CAREFULLY AND RESPOND
TO U.S. DEL HOPEFULLY BY END OF WEEK. THEY
INDICATED THAT THEIR INITIAL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE
AND THAT IT SEEMED TO MEET THE EGYPTIAN CONCERN.
APPARENTLY HAMID MAY HAVE KEPT US INITIATIVE RATHER
CLOSE SINCE THE EGYPTIAN TEAM SEEMED UNAWARE OF LAST
SUMMER'S APPROACH.

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3. U.S. ILLUSTRATIVE SUGGESTION WOULD CONFINE

UNIMPEDED TRANSIT TO STRAITS CONNECTING HIGH SEAS
TO HIGH SEAS AND WOULD APPLY NON-SUSPENDABLE INNOCENT
PASSAGE IN STRAITS CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO THE
TERRITORIAL SEA OF A FOREIGN STATE (INCLUDING
TIRAN AS UNDER PRESENT LAW). IN ADDITION, PROPOSAL
CONTAINS CLAUSE TO PRESERVE LEGAL RIGHTS OF ALL
PARTIES IN LATTER CATEGORY OF STRAITS. DALE

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